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# Qualification Description



- Qualification is a process that:
  - Demonstrates through testing a producer's ability to make a specified product or family of products
  - Certifies that the manufacturer's product or family of products is in compliance with the governing specification



# Qualification Requirement



- Requirement for qualification must be specified in Section 3 of the specification
- Technical requirement for offeror to demonstrate capability prior to:
  - Bid opening (sealed bid)
  - Contract award (negotiation)



# **Qualification Policy**



- Guidance for qualification is in:
  - Federal Acquisition Regulation, Subpart9.2., Qualification Requirements
  - DoD 4120.24-M, Defense Standardization
     Policies and Procedures
  - -SD-6, Provisions Governing Qualification
  - Federal Standardization Manual (for Federal Specifications)



# Qualification



- Qualification criteria is prohibited in Commercial Item Descriptions
- Non-Government Standards (NGSs) may have a qualification requirement
  - DoD may be the Qualifying Activity, or there may be third party certification, such as the Performance Review Institute (PRI)



# Qualification Oversight



- Initial qualification requirements in a specification require approval by the cognizant Departmental Standardization Office (DepSO)
- Waiver of qualification criteria can only be granted by the Preparing Activity, or, in the case of a Critical Safety Item, the Design Control Activity



#### Qualification Criteria



- Testing time will exceed 30 days
- Test equipment is not readily available
- Life survival/emergency equipment
- Items designated as safety critical in the Federal Logistics System
- Ensure performance, quality & reliability, reduce risk of catastrophic failure to mission, equipment, safety, or life



# **Qualification Considerations**



- No other practical way to obtain evidence of availability of products meeting requirements
- Two or more manufacturers are available and willing to submit products for qualification testing
- Test facilities and resources are available (estimated cost of testing and evaluation has been determined)



# Qualification Pluses & Minuses



#### Advantages:

- Avoid delivery delays for long-term or specialized testing
- Can reduce inspection burden
- Disadvantages:
  - Administrative Burden
  - Lab facilities can be costly
  - It can limit competition



#### Qualification Retention



- Qualification is for a set period
  - Usually 1-3 years, some commodities longer (e.g. packaged lubricants).
- Retention not automatic
- Three modes for retention
  - Certification by manufacturer
  - Submission of new test data
  - Complete requalification





- DoD has an online database to manage qualification data (QPD)
  - Access via <a href="https://assist.daps.dla.mil">https://assist.daps.dla.mil</a>
  - -QPD went live in April 2006
  - —96% of Paper QPLs and QMLs have been transitioned into the QPD





- Level of access to QPLs is driven by the users role
- Users need an individual ASSIST account to load and maintain QPL Data
- Users with an ASSIST account can:
  - Conduct searches by part number, source name, governing spec, FSC, etc.
  - Run standard reports (i.e. manufacturer's parts by CAGE code, or Gov't designation)





- Users may also access QPL data (read only) from either ASSIST QuickSearch or www.assistdocs.com.
- To be published in the QPD, suppliers must be registered in the Central Contractor Registry (<u>www.ccr.gov</u>) in an active status.





- Most of the static paper QPLs have been transitioned into the QPD
- There is only a small percentage of paper QPL's in the ASSIST—most have been converted to electronic QPLs



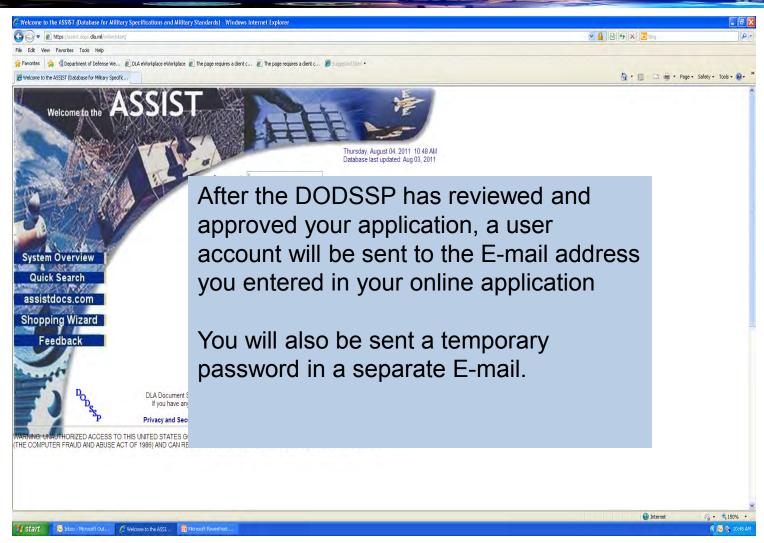


- If you search in the ASSIST for a QPL that has been converted, clicking on the qualification link on the Document Analysis page (overview section) will take you to the QPL in the QPD
- Qualification Policy is being revised to reflect the new automated process

(see policy memo 07-03 for more information at <a href="http://www.dsp.dla.mil">http://www.dsp.dla.mil</a>)











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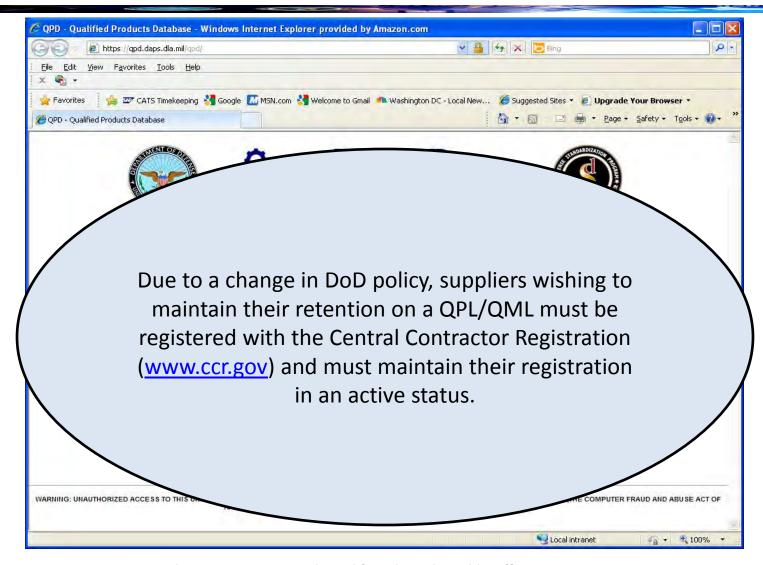












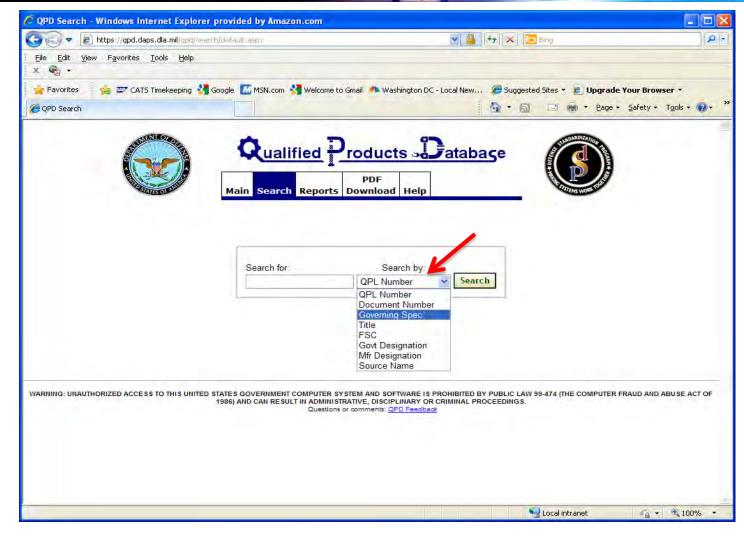






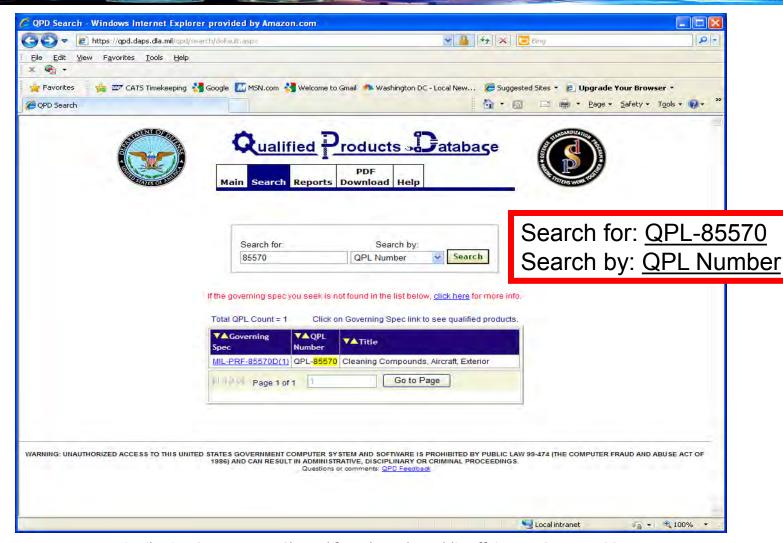












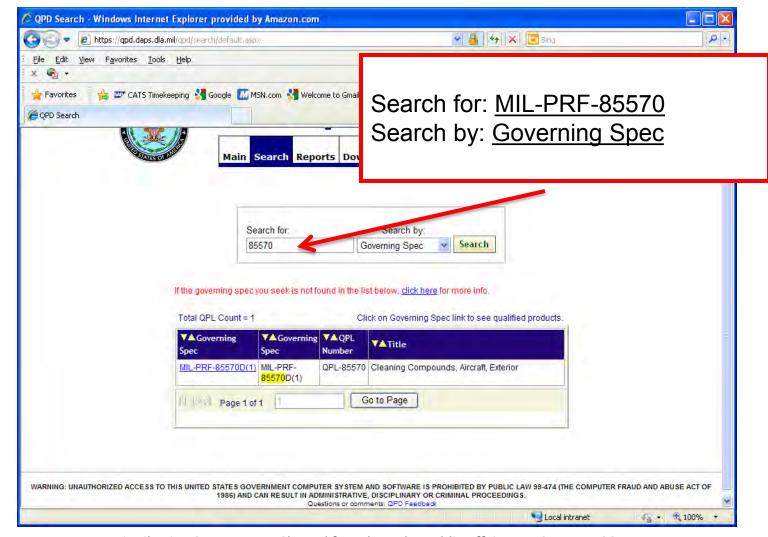






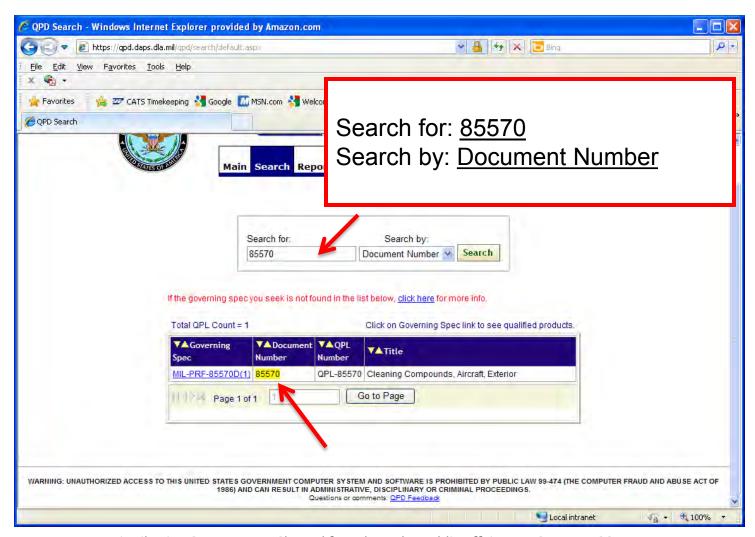






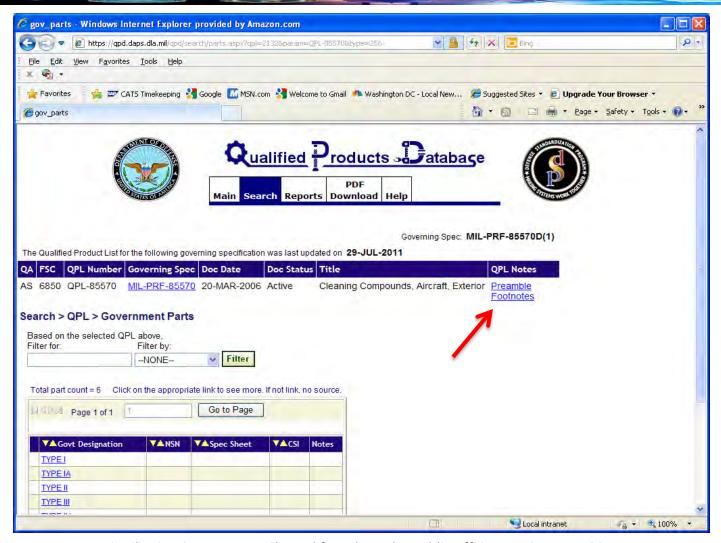






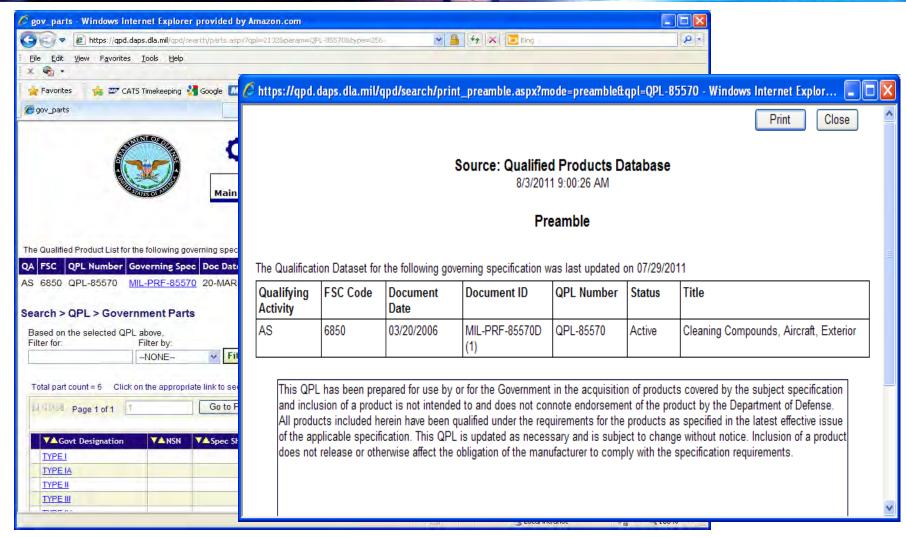






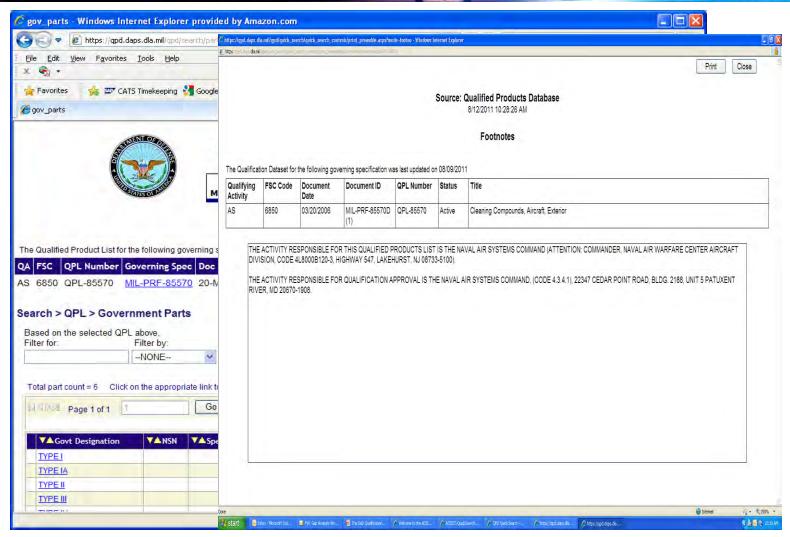






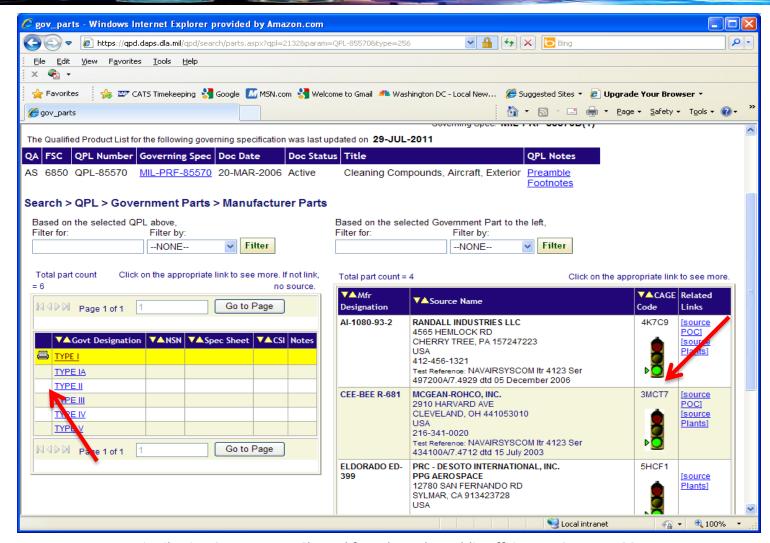






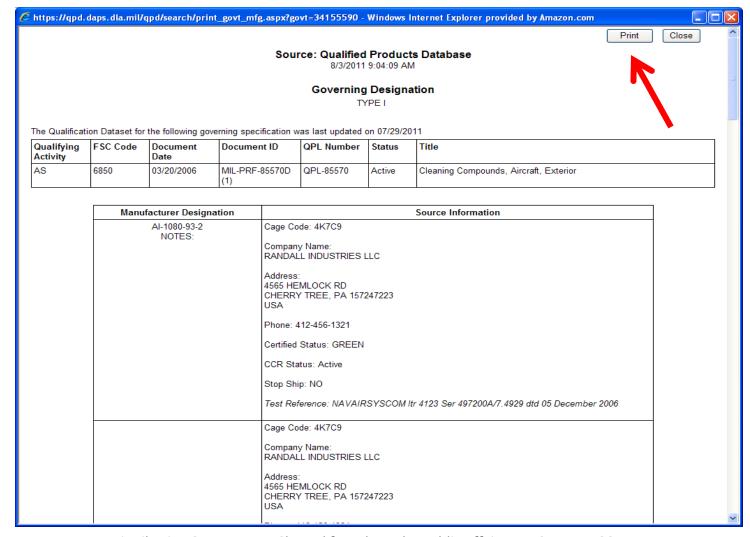






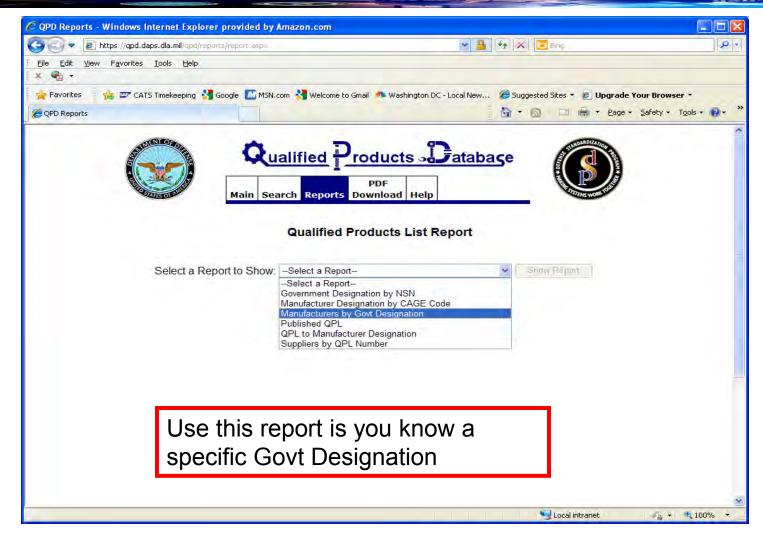






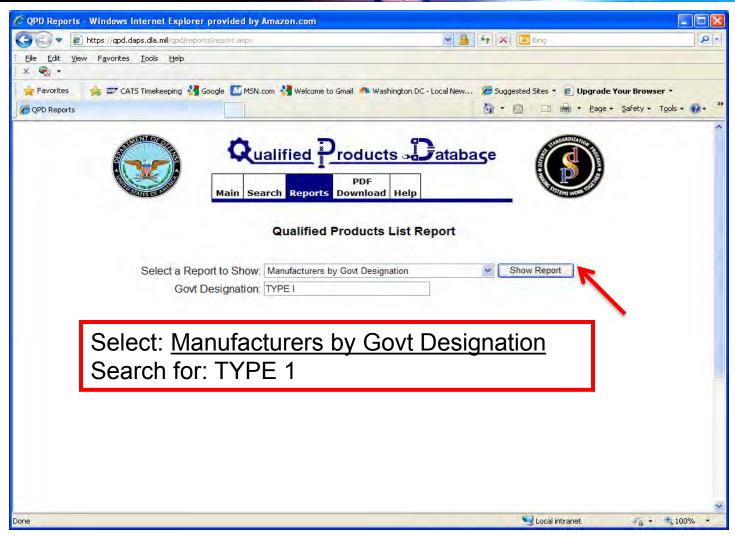






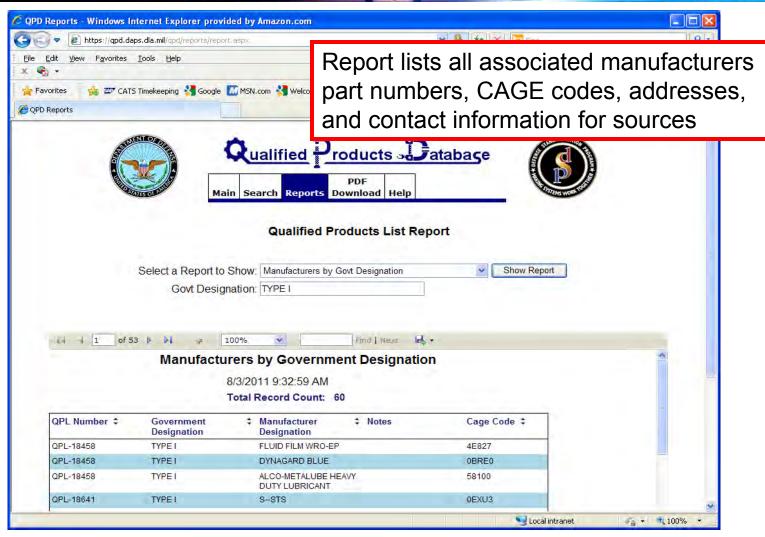






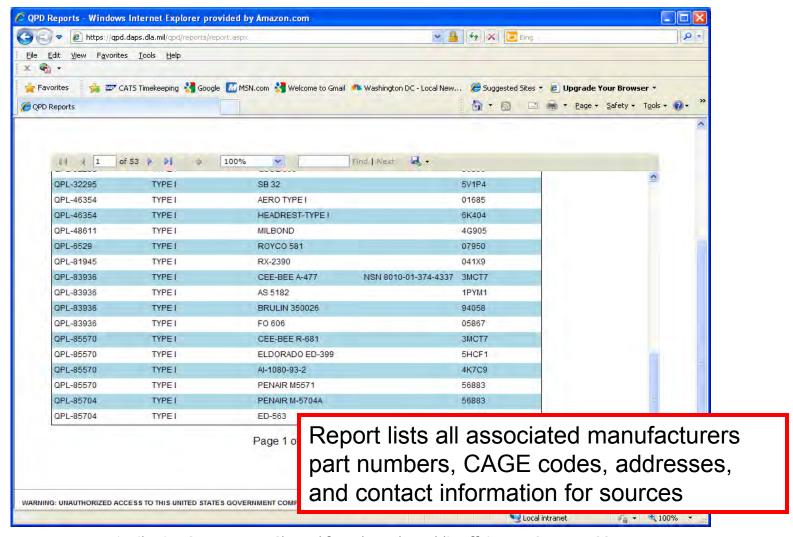






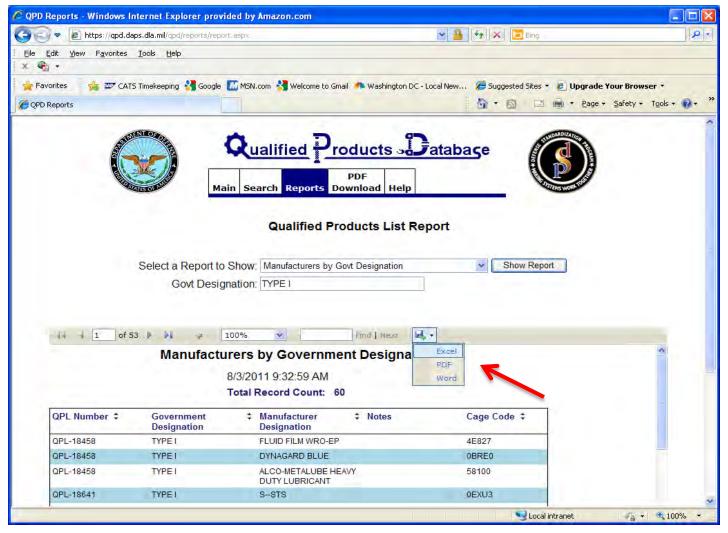






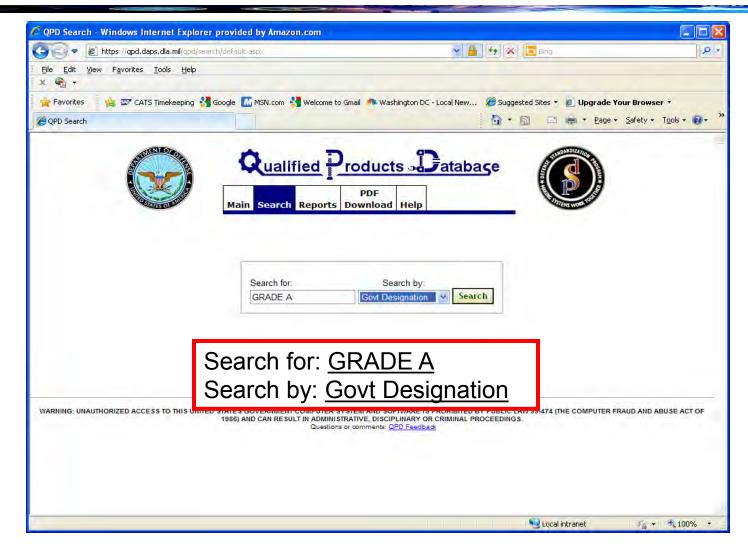












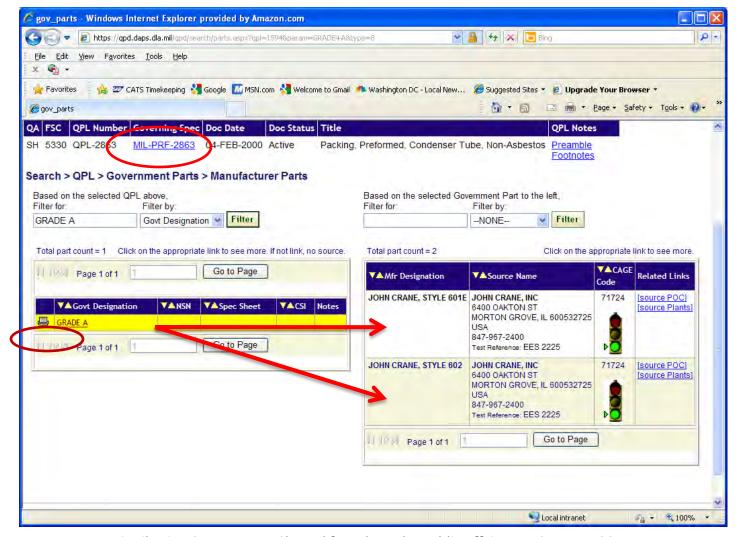






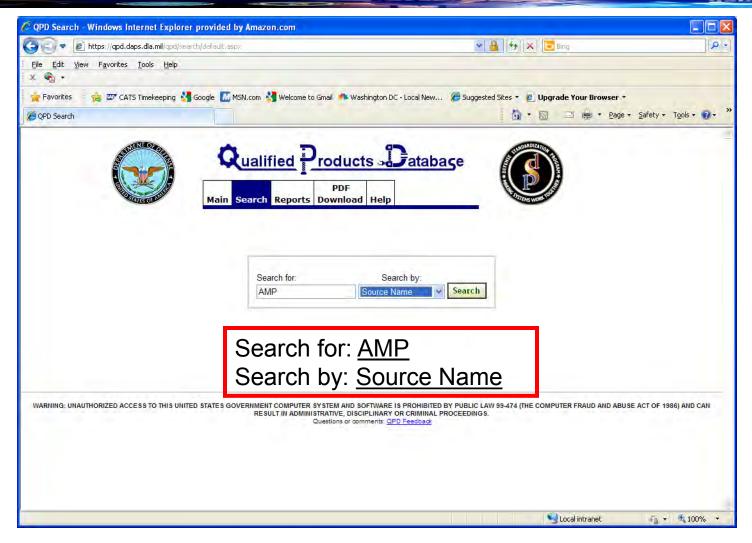


















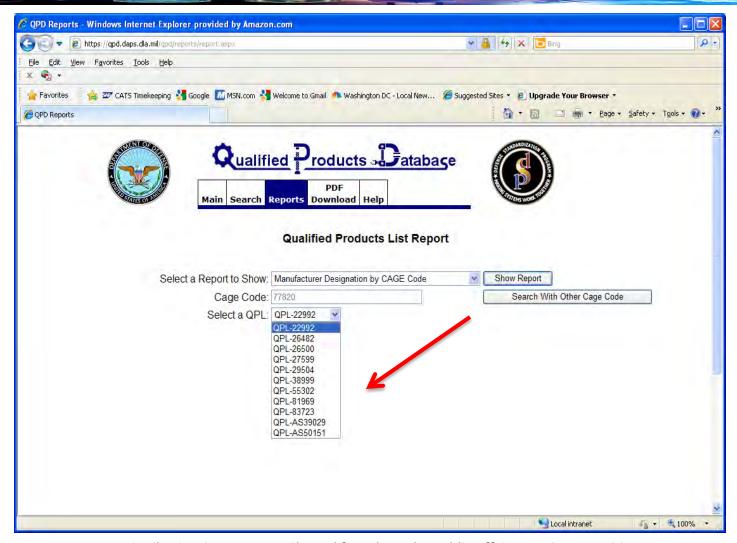






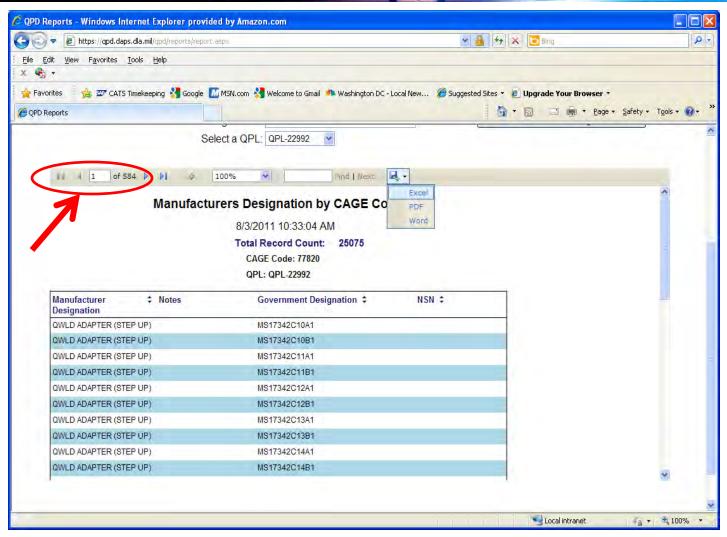
















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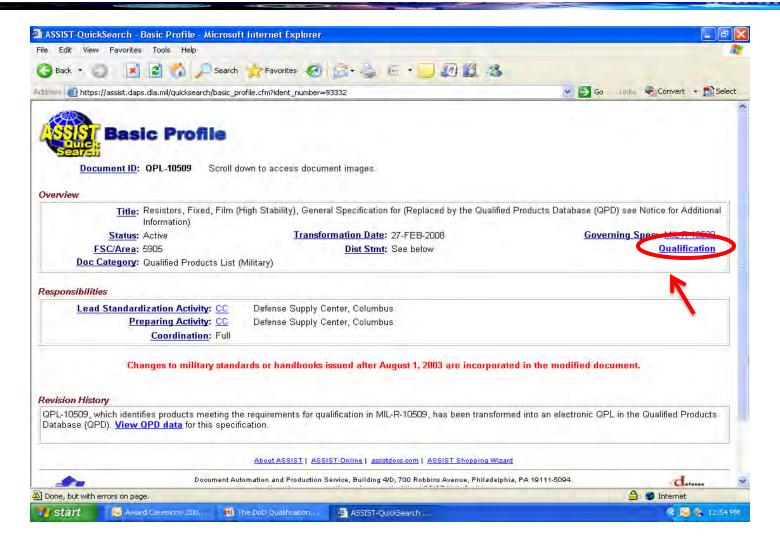




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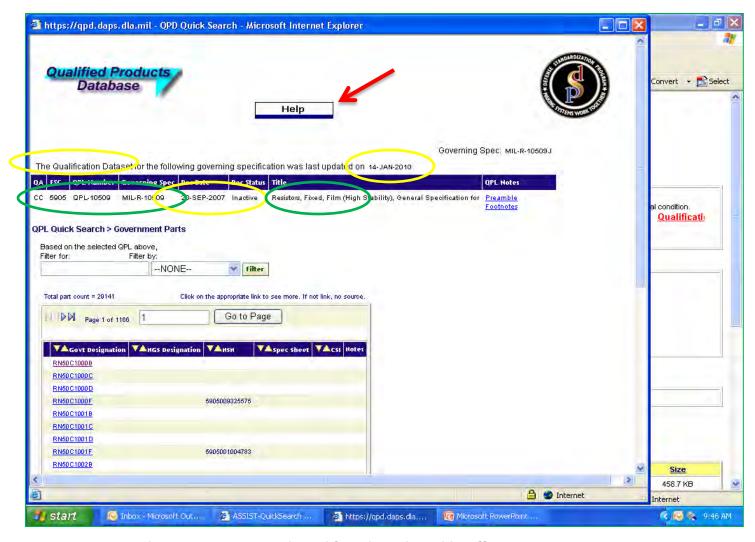






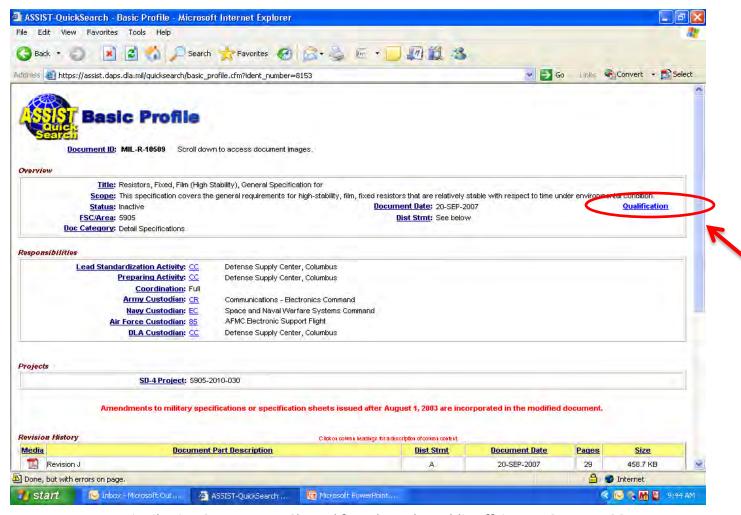












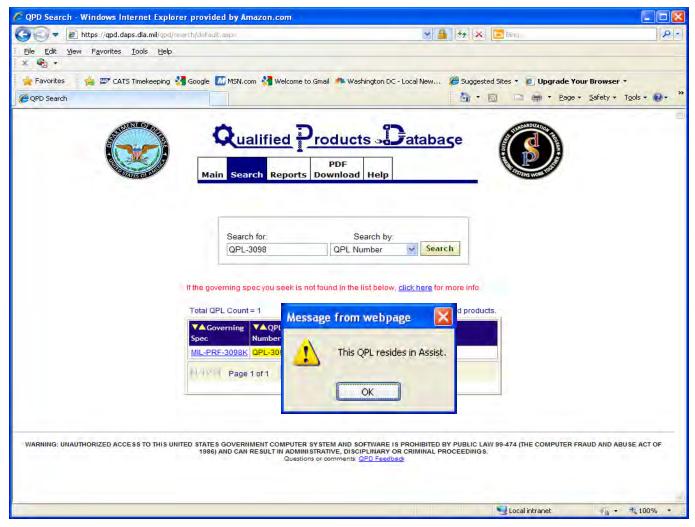






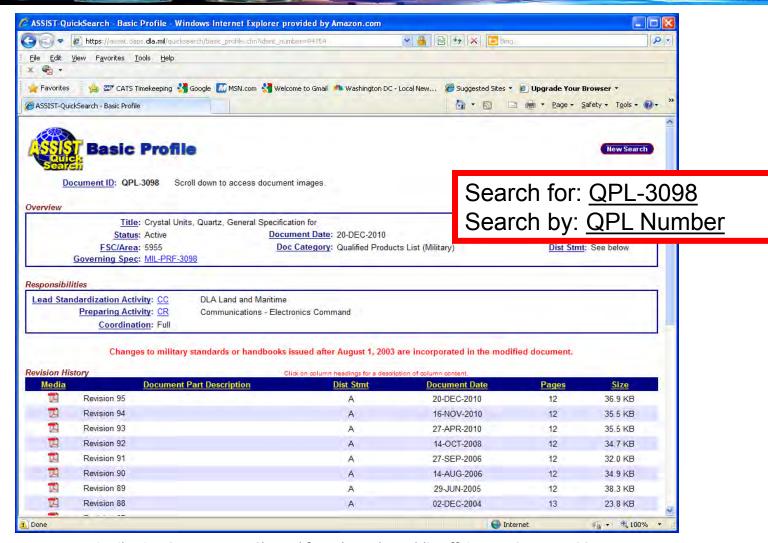
















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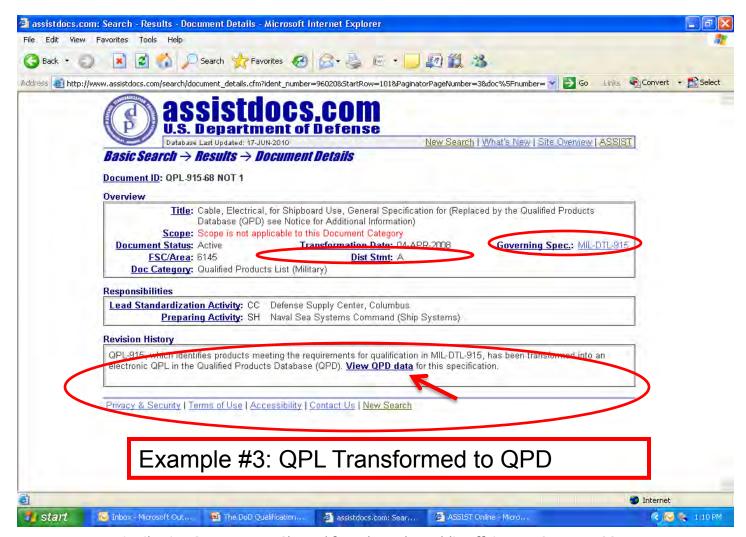




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